

[CHAPTER 552]

AN ACT

August 7, 1942

[S. 2642]

[Public Law 703]

Interstate Commerce Act, amendments.

Ante, p. 300.

34 Stat. 595; 41 Stat. 494.
49 U. S. C. § 20 (11), (12).

Ante, p. 297.

To amend section 219 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, by inserting "of part I" after "(12)", and to amend subsection (b) of section 417 of such Act by changing a reference from "carrier" to "freight forwarder".

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 219 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 219. The provisions of section 20 (11) and (12) of part I of this Act, together with such other provisions of such part (including penalties) as may be necessary for the enforcement of such provisions, shall apply with respect to common carriers by motor vehicle with like force and effect as in the case of those persons to which such provisions are specifically applicable."

SEC. 2. Subsection (b) of section 417 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is amended by striking out the word "carrier" where it appears therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words "freight forwarder".

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August 18, 1942

[H. R. 7211]

[Public Law 704]

Prizes captured by U. S. during present war on high seas.
Court jurisdiction.

Venue.

Prizes brought into territorial waters of a cobelligerent.

Exercise of power to take or appropriate property for U. S.

Special prize commissioners to act abroad.

To facilitate the disposition of prizes captured by the United States during the present war, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all prizes captured during the present war on the high seas if said capture was made by authority of the United States or was adopted and ratified by the President of the United States and the prize was brought into the territorial waters of a cobelligerent or was taken or appropriated for the use of the United States on the high seas or in such territorial waters, including jurisdiction of all proceedings for the condemnation of such property taken as prize.

SEC. 2. The venue of any proceeding brought under the jurisdiction conferred by this Act shall be in the judicial district selected by the Attorney General, or his designee, for the convenience of the United States.

SEC. 3. The jurisdiction of prizes brought into the territorial waters of a cobelligerent shall not be exercised under authority of this Act, nor shall prizes be taken or appropriated within such territorial waters for the use of the United States, unless the government having jurisdiction over such territorial waters consents to the exercise of such jurisdiction or to such taking or appropriation.

SEC. 4. In any case, whether or not brought under the jurisdiction conferred by this Act, the power to take or appropriate property for the use of the United States as provided by sections 4624 and 4625 of the Revised Statutes (title 34, U. S. C., secs. 1140, 1141) may be exercised by the War Shipping Administration with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy or his designee, or by such other officers or agencies as the President may designate.

SEC. 5. The district courts are authorized to appoint special prize commissioners to exercise abroad in cases arising under this Act the duties prescribed for such commissioners. Said courts may appoint such number of such special commissioners, and having such qualifications, as said courts may deem proper, without regard for the requirements of section 4621 of the Revised Statutes, as amended